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REGATTA DAYS

Crews Making Ready for Events.

Healani Seniors and Myrtle Juniors Seem to Have the Lead at Present.

Judging from the public interest being displayed in the coming boat races at Pearl Harbor it is hard to believe that boat race day is little over two weeks distant. Whether this lack of interest is due to the mediocrity of this season's competing crews or to the strained exclusiveness which is being shown by all three clubs is a matter of question; the fact remains that the general public which in years past has gone into paroxysms of enthusiasm over the contest for the aquatic Blue Ribbon, doesn't apparently care this year one iota who wins or whether there is a race at all.

Of course a goodly number will go down in crowds to Pearl Harbor on September 8th and the picnicking features of past years will be in evidence, but it looks as if the customary keenness over the events will be wanting and this is, from a sporting point of view, very deeply to be regretted.

The crews are reported to be doing well in their training, more particularly the Healani Senior and the Myrtle Junior crews whose prospects of carrying off honors are undeniably bright. The Oahu Railroad Company is making special arrangements to accommodate visitors to Pearl Harbor and an extra train may be run down in the afternoon.

It is sincerely to be hoped that there will be no mislaying of the judges on this occasion as was the case last year when much time and temper were wasted by the unfortunate spectators, who were patiently waiting for the last race to start. It would not be a bad plan this year to send the judges down in a special car, carefully tagged and labelled. By this means a fairly punctual start might be made.

The Healani senior crew looks like J. Waterhouse, Paul Jarrett, Dan Renear and Fred Damon. The junior shell will probably be composed of A. W. Walcott, P. Gleason, Gaston Boisse and W. Williams.

Regatta Day on September 15th will be a joyful time. It is the people's holiday and every family, rich or poor, Hawaiian or haole, who can possibly get there will be down by the harbor on that day. Scrub crews of Healani and Myrtle men will help to entertain and amuse, but yacht racing will be the feature, and the Bonnie Dundee, Eva, Myrtle and Prince David's new flyer, the Vi-ke, will figure as the star performers.

There will also be races for canoes, whale boats, and all kinds of small craft, as well as swimming, diving and other water sports. In fact the day will be one long water frolic and pleasure will reign supreme.

TWO BATTERYMEN WHO SERVED HERE

George Herbst and Theodore Koch Attain Army Commissions.

Camp McKinley feels much elated over the appointment of two of the battery men to second lieutenantcies in the regular army as the result of examinations which took place at the Presidio lately. The announcements were made in the general dispatches and in the Army and Navy Journal a few weeks ago. One of the men is George Herbst, whose name appeared on the roster of K Battery as mechanic. He also acted as company clerk for a long period and was known as a studious, well-informed man. He went to San Francisco some time ago and passed his examinations with creditable honors.

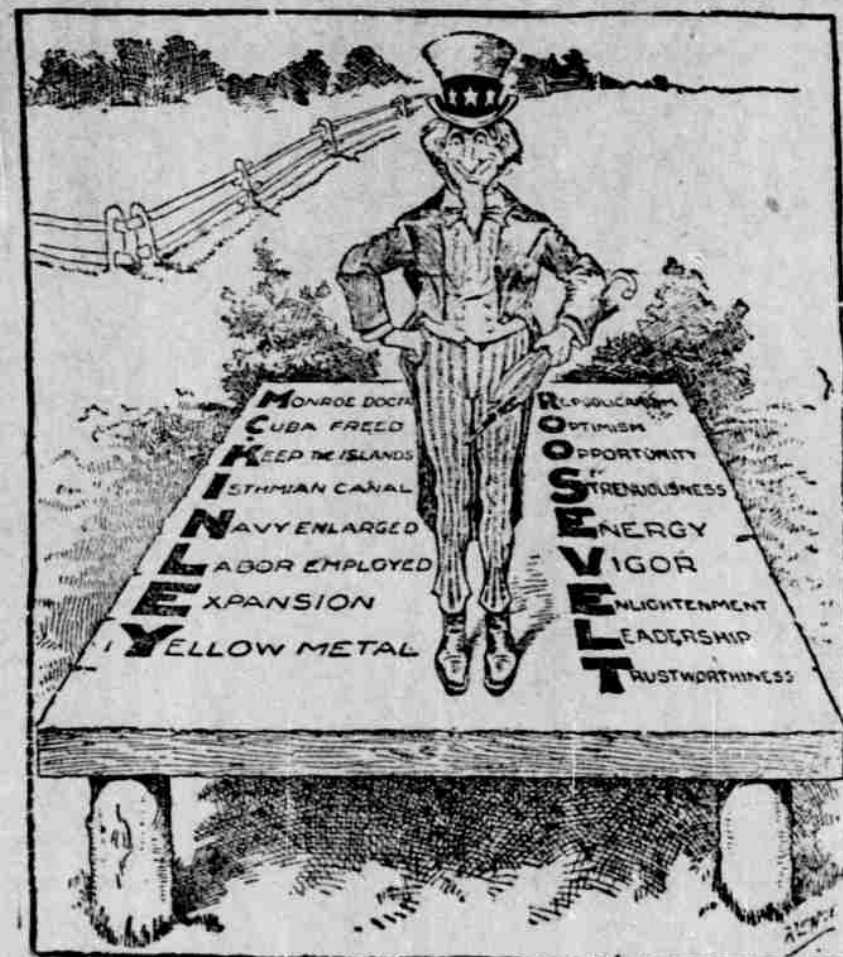
Corporal Theodore Koch of 1 Battery was the other lucky man of the duo from the local garrison. He took his examinations several months ago, but in some manner his appointment became pigeon-holed and was only lately resurrected. He went to the Coast on the Australia and probably has commenced wearing shoulder straps ere this. They will in all probability be assigned to the infantry branch of the service, this being the third in the regular line order. The artillery branch is first, cavalry second and infantry third. The engineer corps is a separate service and ranks all three of the regular branches.

Both the appointees entered the army with the express purpose of earning a commission and served three years in the ranks until the coveted shoulder straps were bestowed upon them. Both are well known in Honolulu, having come here with the batteries in April of last year.

MAN AND THE SERPENT.

Your mountebank carries the cobra in his bosom without fear so long as nothing irritates him; but should some unforeseen external cause awaken in him the springs of action, he is transformed in an instant into a death-dealing monster.

A similar case was that of a public performer at Madras, who in 1899 was exhibiting with an enormous box before an assemblage. As had been his practice for years, he wound the animal about his body. While standing thus enveloped before the people, a muffled sound of crackling was suddenly heard, and the mass of man and snake fell over to the ground. The serpent had suddenly crushed him, and at the autopsy 189 fractures were counted. On the body of the serpent there was a slight rent of about two inches caused by a hidden stilett that the man had worn, and to this the Indian experts attributed the disaster. An occurrence illustrative of the same fact came under the notice of Francois Desarte. A student friend had obtained a 12-foot South American boa or anaconda for experiment and in order to familiarize himself and servants with it had it brought into his study every day and turned loose. As it evinced no mischievous propensities, it was allowed to have its own way, the better to observe its natural habits. On the occasion referred to it had slowly wound itself about a bamboo rocker, with its head laid on the seat of the chair. While in this position a Maltese cat came in at the partly open study door, about eight



UNCLE SAM: "The Candidates are my Platform."

feet away. There was a sudden crackling smash, and the serpent struck the open door, banging it shut. The chair was crushed into fragments, and the serpent with unexpected velocity began to travel around the apartment. Had this incident been reported by the usual narrator of animal instinct, the sudden action of the snake would have been attributed to the cat. But the fact was that a projecting splinter of the chair caused the unexpected constriction, as was demonstrated afterward when the snake was subjected to a similar experience while coiled around an ordinary lime barrel.

The snake dealers learn very quickly that a serpent is a piece of mechanism that is comparatively helpless unless the peculiar conditions of his muscular conformation are disturbed. The constrictors are powerless for any lateral demonstration. If you can keep one at full length, he is disarmed. This has been shown over and over again in those animal tournaments which the Rajahs of India get up for their special amusement. The pitting of a large python against a number of jackals is a frequent diversion, and the quadrupeds, after one or two of their number are killed, invariably range themselves in a line and advance upon the serpent at the moment when he is extended. They then plant their feet upon his body and hold him down, and he is helplessly pounded to death. The rattlesnake cannot strike unless his body is first drawn into concentric circles. If one of them is in a small hollow log, you can safely pull him out by the head, a feat that you can often see the Indian boys do, only a gopher hole takes the place of a log.

An enormous amount of occult nonsense has accumulated about the reptilian group that has employed the ingenuity of archaeologists, biologists, and theologians. A great deal of it no doubt springs from the literal acceptance of the Biblical assertion that the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field, and the after reference of Jesus to the "wisdom of the serpent." The application of these sayings literally to the snake as we now know him is no longer possible. Even his power to charm his prey has gone by the board, along with his power to tempt.

JAPANESE SPEAK WELL OF ESTEE

Federal Judge is Paid a High Compliment as a Just Man.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 10.—The Japan Tribune, of this city, says: The Ninth Judicial District of the United States will be inaugurated by a man whose name should be inscribed in letters of gold in the annals of California. Judge Estee is a friend of poor and rich alike. We anticipate that he will mete out justice in the Hawaiian Islands in a manner that will eloquently assert to the people of the Islands that the courts of the United States are the bulwarks of American liberty. We interest ourselves in this archipelago nestling far out on the Pacific, because our people constituted a very large and important proportion of the actual settlers, producers and merchants of this land of sugar and pol. With these (our people) his Honor will come in contact more or less, in the performance of his official duties. We anticipate that he will teach them, by example and precept, the fundamental principle of the greatest of republics, justice and liberty, and that he will win for himself a name that will live in history.

Hon. Mr. Saito, our Consul General to the Hawaiian Islands, is well known to us all as a man of great determination and noble principle. He has shown himself a trustworthy servant of His Imperial Majesty of Japan, in his recent faithful career in Washington State. His memory there deserves to be embellished in imperishable lines. Japanese on this side of the Pacific may safely rely on the fidelity of their noble brother countryman, Hon. Mr. Saito, and the worthy dispenser of justice, Hon. M. M. Estee. We wish them great prosperity.

DESICCATED OYSTERS.

"A few days ago," said a New Orleans bohemian, "I dropped in to see my friend Lee Yip, who keeps what he calls a 'glocely sto', which is as near as he can come to grocery store. He gave me an excellent cigar, and presently he said: 'You like dly ostel?' 'What in the name of Confucius is 'dly ostel?'" I asked before I realized that he was talking about dried oysters. 'Come! I show,' he replied; and opening the lid of a big box he took out a handful of what looked exactly like oysters carved in mahogany. They were not shriveled and warped, like other dried foods, but were as plump and symmetrical as any well conditioned bivalve fresh from the deep shell. The only difference was that they were dark brown in color and as hard as bricks. When Lee Yip tossed them back into the box they rattled like a handful of marbles.

"Of course, I was greatly surprised, and before I left I took pains to find out all about them. The oysters are caught and prepared at the big native shrimperies on the other side of the lake. The process is a trade secret, but as nearly as I could gather from Lee, they are spread on the tops of large sheds and exposed to the sun for several weeks. What prevents decomposition, I don't know; but they come out of the operation as sweet and brown as nuts. Last night I tried some by special invitation in the back room of a

laundry run by another Mongolian friend of mine. They were brought in in a bowl, and formed a sort of stew or saute, which was really delicious. The oysters themselves were firm but exceedingly tender, and had a peculiarly peppery flavor, different from anything else I have ever tasted. The Chinaman who did the cooking told me he had simply boiled the dried oysters in water and added a small strip of pork and seasoning. When I tried to probe into the seasoning feature he suddenly lost command of English, so there, I suspect, the secret resides. "I am told the local colony consume many barrels of these oysters every month, and that large quantities of them are sold in San Francisco and New York.—New Orleans paper.

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